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Re: New U.S. Patent Application

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. French Language Application - 23 pages, including abstract.
2. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).

Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on French Patent Application No. 01 00623, filed January 17, 2001, in France. Applicants also claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/330,767, filed October 30, 2001, in the United States.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f).  
Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for  
filing the English language translation of the French text, filing the executed Declaration,  
and payment of the required statutory filing fee.

**Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.**

Respectfully submitted,

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